

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1567
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2004
TRAINING TO DISABLED
Singh Shri Prabhunath

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment has brought out in their First Report(2004-05) that inadequate number of professionals for giving training to 18.49 million disabled persons in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; (

(c) whether there is any proposal to avail the services of large number of dress design and cutting tailoring diploma holders from privately run women's polytechnic of Delhi for imparting training to the disabled; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The report of Standing Committee of Social Justice & Empowerment has been laid on the Table of the House on 18.8.2004. The report states 'that for giving training to about 18.49 million disabled persons in the country only 20,000 professionals (out of the total 24,000 professionals) are engaged in teaching/training of persons with disabilities. The requirement of the professionals who give training to the disabled for their rehabilitation, as per 1996 RCI report, was assessed to be 3,62,300 for only 10% of the total disabled population in the 9th Plan'. The shortage of professionals in rehabilitation has been due to this being an emerging area of education.

(c) & (d) No such proposal has been received.